

Heber Johnathon Wagstaff was born October 5, 1860, at Calneot, Bedfordshire, England, the son of Samuel and Lucy Marie

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Webb Wagstaff. Married Sarah Ann Shelley, December 20, 1883 in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City. He died December 4, 1912 at Charleston.

Heber Johnathon Wagstaff's family received the gospel in England. They came to America by boat and then to Salt Lake in wagons. They arrived at the tithing yard Sept. 24, 1862 and stayed in Salt Lake about 30 days, where they saw Brigham Young and others dance a quadrille. Then they went to American Fork to run a farm for Bp. Edward Hunter. They were happy to live on a farm. Heber attended school and church also the University at Salt Lake.

After their marriage, Heber and Sarah lived on the north bench at American Fork and farmed. Their furniture was home made. They got tired of their "jumpy dick" flour and water mush. Their meat could only be used for special occasions and sparingly.

Heber was called on a mission to New Zealand Nov. 10, 1888. He served just over two years and came home due to his health.

George Baker influenced them to come to Charleston in Feb. 1891. He bought a home there and worked in Mark Jeff's store and plastered.

He was very active in music, serving as ward chorister. They had no song books, so he taught the people, organist and choir the songs. He played the violin, banjo, harmonica and several brass instruments.

He served as secretary of the town board for \$1.00 a year. He organized a brass band which thrilled parade watchers. He was active on committees for holidays. He ran the post office in one corner of the big Co-op building.

He and his wife were parents of nine children: Alice, Lucy, Heber, Verlie, Almeta, Effie, Edwin, LeRoy and Elvory.